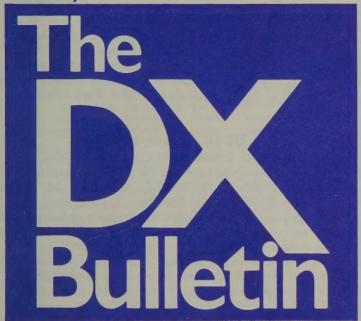
DXpedition News

Mellish Reef - VK9 The eight operators of the 1993

Mellish Reef team plan to sail from Bundaberg,
Australia, on Sept. 14, arriving at Mellish (OC-072) as
early as Sept. 18. They'll operate as VK4CRR/MM on
7180 and 14195 kHz enroute. Once up and running,
they'll transmit on 1825, 3505, 7025, 10107, 14005,
18077, 21002, 24897, 28005, and 50120 kHz on CW;
1825, 3799, 7123, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28445,
and 50120 kHz on SSB; and 14080 and 21080 kHz on
RTTY. Sunrise 1930Z; sunset 0730Z. QSL to Bill
Horner VK4CRR, 26 Iron St., Gympie QLD 4570,
Australia, with SASE/SAE and US\$1/IRCs. Any
donations will be gratefully received.

St. Eustatius - PJ8 Dave Rawley N4XO will operate as PJ8DD (NA-145) Sept. 17-20, mostly CW, including the new bands. QSL via home call.

Edited by Chod Harris VP2ML



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Tristan da Cunha - ZD9 Roger Western G3SXW will operate as ZD9SXW (AF-029) for three weeks in October, beginning as early as September 30, depending on weather conditions. He'll be on 160-10 meters, including the new bands, on CW only. Try 1833, 3503, 7003, 10103, 14023, 18073, 21023, 24893, and 28023 kHz, listening 1-3 kHz up. Listen for updates from G3SXW/MM enroute Sept. 24-27. QSL home address: 7 Field Close, Chessington, Surrey KT9 2QD, England, or via the RSGB (UK) bureau.

Bermuda - VP9 Fred Lucas K1EFI will operate /VP9 (NA-005) Sept. 23-Oct. 5, concentrating on CW. QSL via home address: 72 Long Meadow Hill Road, Brookfield CT 06804.

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Reserve Your Island - CQWW RTTY Contest

- T3ØGV will be a multi-op entry from Tarawa (OC-017). Operators Bob Artigo KN6J/T3ØRA, Bob Summers N6OXR/T3ØRS, and Glenn Vinson W6OTC/T3ØGV will be active on CW and SSB outside the test, Sept. 22-27, on 160-10 meters. QSL home calls.
- V31J is the contest call of Bob Ave Sr. W4PGX/V31JW and Bob Ave Jr. KB4VHW/V31JV. 80-10 meters, on CW, SSB, and RTTY outside the test, Sept. 21-Oct. 12. QSL to KB4VHW, 3260 Desert St., Pensacola FL 32514.
- PJ8X: Jack Reed WA7LNW and others will operate from Sint Maarten (NA-145) Sept. 22-27, with activity in both the RTTY test and the SAC SSB test. Outside the tests, they'll concentrate on CW and RTTY. QSL to Bob Johnson KE7LZ, 5627 West Hearn Rd., Glendale AZ 85306.
- 3D2VY?: A Japanese team will operate from Fiji Sept. 23-30, on 160-10 meters. Operators include JA2s AO XW DHG IVY and JG2BRI. QSL to JR2KDN.

Shortly Noted

- 9G1XA has been very workable on the low bands and on the new bands. Try 3505 kHz at 01-05Z, 10103 kHz at 20-23Z, and 14023 or 18072 kHz at 2300Z. QSL to KØEU.
- C6A/N3NCW Joe Manduke is active from Eleuthera Island (NA-001) to Sept. 20, on 80, 40, and 20-meter SSB nets, and CW. QSL home address: 1351 McCormick Rd., Mechanicsburg PA 17055.
- 5R8DL (AF-013) is active September 16-21, by Yoshihori Nosaka JH1CLU, on 160-10 meters, CW, SSB, and RTTY. QSL to Box 48, Tomakomai, Hokkaido 069, Japan.
- ZK3DM is Marcel ON4QM on Atafu Atoll (OC-048) until Sept. 20. He then moves to Niue ZK2 Sept. 28, for 2-3 weeks. QSL ON4QM in separate envelopes, please.
- T32RA and T32RS will operate from Christmas Island (OC-024) in Eastern Kiribati Sept. 28-Oct. 4, on 160-40 meters, by Bob Artigo KN6J and Bob Summers N6OXR respectively. QSL home calls.
- FR5ZQ/J has been noted on 21171 kHz at 1600Z, and 14147 kHz at 1700Z. (OPDX.)
- 5H: Christoph HB9HAL is in Tanzania into the first week of October, says <u>OPDX</u>. No spots yet.
- SV2ASP Apollo in Mt. Athos may return to the bands; try 06-1200Z Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. (OPDX.)
- T5/N3HQW will be active from Somalia for the next six months, on 20, 15, and 10-meter SSB; QSL to WD4NGB.
- ZF2VA will be active from Cayman Islands (NA-016) Sept. 5-17, by K6URI. (W1AW.)
- FK8CP likes 160 meter at 0800Z; however, don't call him unless he is calling CQ USA/VE; he won't answer.
- SSB Net check-ins: 14227 kHz: (11,21Z) H44/VK3COL
 9V1ZJ A22RV HSØZAK V51BG 5V7J; 14247: (23Z)
 3C1TR J28BM UN7JX UZØAB D44BS.
- RTTY: 9G1XA has been quite active on 14088± kHz at 0000Z and 21086 khz at 1500Z; QSL KØEU. 4X6UO is also often on 14085 kHz at 0300Z.

Propagation Forecast and Historical Data

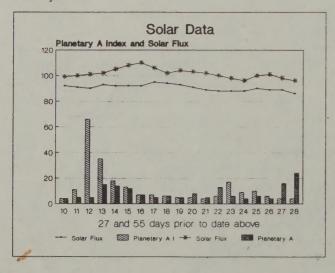
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| 10 High Normal | 8/15 | 91 08/11 2 | 7/18 | 100 03/05 2 | |
| 11 Disturbed | 8/16 | 90 34/66 4 | 7/19 | 101 02/05 0 | |
| 12 Disturbed | 8/17 | 93 33/35 2 | 7/20 | 102 12/15 3 | |
| 13 Low Normal | 8/18 | 92 19/18 2 | 7/21 | 105 13/14 2 | |
| 14 High Normal | 8/19 | 92 13/13 3 | 7/22 | 108 11/12 2 | |
| 15 High Normal | 8/20 | 92 09/07 2 | 7/23 | 110 05/07 0 | |
| 16 High Normal | 8/21 | 95 05/07 0 | 7/24 | 106 02/05 0 | |
| 17 High Normal | 8/22 | 94 04/06 1 | 7/25 | 102 02/06 0 | |
| 18 High Normal | 8/23 | 93 02/05 1 | 7/26 | 104 04/05 1 | |
| 19 High Normal | 8/24 | 91 03/05 1 | 7/27 | 103 07/08 1 | |
| 20 High Normal | 8/25 | 89 02/04 1 | 7/28 | 102 05/05 1 | |
| 21 High Normal | 8/26 | 88 05/06 2 | 7/29 | 100 14/13 4 | |
| 22 Below Normal | 8/27 | 88 16/17 3 | 7/30 | 98 05/06 1 | |
| 23 High Normal | 8/28 | 88 07/09 2 | 7/31 | 96 03/06 1 | |
| 24 High Normal | 8/29 | 90 09/10 1 | 8/1 | 100 00/04 0 | |
| 25 High Normal | 8/30 | 89 03/06 0 | 8/2 | 101 01/06 1 | |
| Propagation Watch | | | | | |

Solar activity remains very low, with solar flux closer to 80 than to 100. (A sunspot count of zero is equal to a solar flux count of 66, so 80 is extremely low.) Despite the low activity, seasonal improvement in the bands has provided DX opportunities on the higher bands, with much better propagation on 15 meters.

Openings on 10 meters remain limited to north-south paths, but again are improving slightly. The 12-meter beacon of IK6BAK (24915 kHz) can often be heard in the southeast. If 10 watts into a vertical produces a copiable signal, DXers should be making contacts, but the band is often quiet. It pays to try some directional CQs toward the beacon. Shortening skip on 15 meters suggests rising MUF; try some CQs on 12 in that direction.

The low level of solar activity has also meant a quiet geomagnetic field, and hence improved polar- and long-path openings. Signals tend to be weak, but workable. Whenever the K index is 2 or less, spend some extra time searching for long-haul DX on high-latitude paths.

A recurrent coronal hole may disturb the bands Sept. 11-13; after that, look for improved conditions over the next ten days.



Papua New Guinea Activity Weekend

by Steve Telenius-Lowe P29DX

Papua New Guinea gained independence from Australia on the 16th of September, 1975. To mark the 18th anniversary of independence, and in order to publicize the Papua New Guinea Amateur Radio Society's Bird of Paradise award, there will be a P29 Activity Weekend Sept. 18-19, 1993. All P29 amateurs are being encouraged to get on the air for at least an hour or two this weekend, especially those from the rarer provinces. Suggested frequencies are 3590, 3800, 7190, 14240, 18140, 21190, 21240, 24940, 28440, and 50110 kHz on SSB; and 3530, 7030, 14030, 18080, 21030, 24900, 28030, and 50100 kHz on CW. Sunrise 2012Z; sunset 0810Z.

Papua New Guinea is divided into 19 provinces, plus the National Capital District around Port Moresby, which counts as a separate 'province' for the Bird of Paradise award. To qualify for the award, stations outside of Oceania need to work five P29 stations in at least three different provinces (Oceania stations need seven contacts in five provinces.) The special-event station P29PNG may be substituted for any province. Contacts after 16 September 1975 count. To apply for the Bird of Paradise award, send log extract certified by two fellow amateurs (cards not required) with US\$6, AUS\$8, or equivalent to Dave Immel P29DK, P. O. Box 173, Ukarumpa EHP, Papua New Guinea.

DXAC Vote on Eritrea

The ARRL DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) has voted unanimously to reinstate the previously deleted country of Eritrea E3 to the DXCC Countries List. Eritrea ET2 was deleted from the List Nov. 14, 1962, when Ethiopia annexed the province. Contacts on or before that date will count for the reinstated Eritrea. The DXAC voted 16-0 against establishing Eritrea as a new DXCC country.

The vote on the effective date of the reinstatement was split: nine DXAC members voted for the 'official' date of independence: May 24th, 1993, and six for the 'effective' date: May 24th, 1991. (One DXAC member opted for the date of the vote ratifying independence: April 27, 1993). The DXAC will recommend that Eritrea be removed from the Deleted Countries list and returned to the DXCC Countries list, effective May 24, 1993.

The ARRL Awards Committee in Newington must now either accept this recommendation, or refer it back to the DXAC. Don't send Eritrea cards to the DXCC desk yet.

[If the Awards Committee concurs, The October 1992 Henson 9ERITA/TB operation will not count for DXCC; Rudi Klos DK7PE's December 1992 9F2CW/a operation will count for Ethiopia, not Eritrea. The 1993 E3 operations will count for Eritrea, paperwork permitting. -ed.]

Islands On The Air

■ K5MK/5 will be active from Dernieres Islands (NA-119) Oct. 15-17, on 40-10 meters, including the new bands. Try the IOTA frequencies of 14260, 21260, and 28460 kHz on SSB, and 30 kHz up on CW. Operators are Larry McKay K5MK and Mike Parisey WDØGML. QSL to K5MK direct with SASE or postage, or via the W5 bureau.

$B \cdot A \cdot N \cdot D \cdot P \cdot A \cdot S \cdot S$

Key to Bandpass: Callsign, frequency, UTC, day of the month, state. * = long path. P = packet. All "portable" calls listed with country of operation first, regardless of format used on the air.

S M W S 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 2 3 1 4 5 7 8 6 9 10 11 13 14 15 16 12 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

RTTY

4X6UO 14085 0255 31 CA 9A1CCY 14083 1315 28 OJ 9G1XA 14084 0005 27 CA 9G1XA 21087 1515 29 FL **EASATE** 14091 2320 27 OJ 14086 FR5DX 0330 CA **HKØDPA** 14090 2233 4 14081 0510 HP1XBH 28 CA LY2ZZ 14083 1740 2 CA VP9MZ 14087 0040 31 CA YB5QZ 14086 1530 31 CA Z32JA 21090 2120 29 OJ

80 Meters

9G1XA 3505 0040 29 GA 9M2AX 3505 1220 29 OR HP1XBH 3508 0105 29 GA 0950 26 NH JA1HQT 3505 SV1AOZ 0402 28 NY 3507 VK7GK 3501 0940 28 NH ZL4BO 1122 27 NH 3505

75 Meters

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30 Meters

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20 Meter CW

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| UM8QDX | 14022 | 0215 | 31 | FL | |
| UM8QDX | 14012 | 1415 | 28 | MI | |
| UN7A | 14023 | 2021 | 29 | FL | |
| UN7CBS | 14027 | 0113 | 27 | GA | |
| UO5OCI | 14039 | 1950 | 4 | FL | |
| US77BL | 14015 | 2347 | 29 | FL | |
| UZ2FWA | 14011 | 1059 | 2 | FL | |
| V2/G4DIY | 14021 | 1929 | 29 | FL | |
| V29AQF | 14005 | 0113 | 30 | FL | |
| V85XF | 14023 | 1329 | 4 | FL | |
| VU2BK | 14054 | 0234 | 30 | IA | |
| XQØYAF | 14010 | 0103 | 28 | CO | |
| YBØARF | 14017 | 1648 | 29 | MI | |
| YN/ | 14017 | 2224 | 2 | FL | |
| SMØOIG | | | | | |
| Z21HN * | 14021 | 1345 | 29 | CA | |
| ZA1J | 14026 | 0141 | 25 | SC | |
| ZA1N | 14023 | 2238 | 1 | FL | |
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20 Meter SSB

17 Meter CW

| YP7SYO | 18075 | 1308 | 27 | NH |
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| ZB2AZ | 18071 | 1131 | 24 | NS |

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IA

15 Meter SSB

12 Meter CW

24892 2130 25 SC 9G1XA **IK6BAK** 24897 2114 25 SC

10 Meter SSB

28493 2320 28 CA LU2NI 28454 2320 29 IA V21BF V73C 28495 2250 28 FL 28496 2240 28 FL XE1JP

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Current and Future DXpeditions

| (Changes and has | info i | n holdfore | | |
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| (Changes and hot DXCC Country | | Callsign | Dates | Issue |
| Aland Island | | | <u>Dates</u> Sept. 11-12 | 1701 |
| | | | to sept. 20 | 1704 |
| Bahamas | | I3NCW | - | |
| Belize | V31 | JV JW | Sept. 21-Oct. | |
| Bermuda | | K1EFI | Sept. 23-Oct. | |
| Cayman Islands | ZF | ZF2VA | Sept. 5-17 | 1704 |
| Chad | TT | TT8OBO | 14256 kHz 21 | |
| Crete | SV9/ | | to Sept. 24 | 1703 |
| Eastern Kiribati | T32 | BE, BI | Sept. 8-13 | 1703 |
| - | ***** | T32RA RS | Sept. 28-Oct. | |
| Ethiopia | ET | ЕТЗВН | September | 1702 |
| Fiji | 3D | 3D2VY? | Sept. 23-30 | 1704 |
| Gambia | C5 | C56V | Oct. 28-Nov. | |
| Ghana | 9G | 9G1XA | to mid-Sept. | 1703/4 |
| Gibraltar | | SM4DHF | Sept. 22-28 | 1702 |
| ITU Headquarter | S | 4U1ITU | Sept. | 1700 |
| Iran | EP | EXØs | October | I701 |
| Juan de Nova | FR/J | FR5ZQ/J | now? | I704 |
| Kuwait | 9K2 | DI,GS,ZZ | 20M 23-03Z | [699 |
| Liechtenstein | HBØ/I | DL1ECU | Sept. 1-11 | 1695 |
| Macao | XX | XX9AS | 21177 13Z | 1699 |
| Madagascar | 5R | 5R8DL | Sept. 16-21 | 1704 |
| Malawi | 7Q | 7Q7CE | Aug. 15-Sept. | 10 1699 |
| Marion Island | ZS8M | II | 14195 1300Z | 1696 |
| Mellish Reef | VK9N | 1 | Sept. 19-28 I6 | 599/704 |
| Mt. Athos | | SV2ASP | active again? | 1704 |
| Mozambique | C9 | C91A | Sat. PMs 212 | 25 1699 |
| Nauru | C2 | TBA | Feb. 23-Mar.2 | 2 1697 |
| | | C25s? | Sept. 8-13 | 1703 |
| Niue | ZK2 | ZK2DM? | Sept. 28-Oct. | 12 1704 |
| Peter I Island | 3Y | | Feb. 1-17 | 1685 |
| Pratas Island | BV | BV9P | Oct. 6-16 | 1693/5 |
| St. Maarten | PJ | PJ8DD | Sept. 17-20 | 1704 |
| | | by W7s | Sept. 22-27 | 1704 |
| Somalia | T5/ | N3HQW | now active? | 1704 |
| Southern Sudan | | A3CXC | to Sept. | 1690 |
| Taiwan | BV | | C 20M CW 113 | |
| Tanzania | 5H | 5H3FOE | July-Oct. | 1696 |
| 1 1111111111111111111111111111111111111 | 011 | HB9HAL | Now? | 1704 |
| Tokelau | ZK3 | ZK3DM | to Sept. 20 | 1704 |
| Tristan da Cunha | | ZD9SXW | Oct. 1-21 | 1704 |
| Uganda | 5X | 5X1B | 21030 1900Z | 1683 |
| Wake Island | KH9 | | Aug. 31-Sept. | |
| Western Kiribati | | RA RS GV | Sept. 22-27 | 1704 |
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Operating Events and DX Gatherings

| Dates | Event | Reference: | |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sept. 11 | W9DXCC Conventi | on | |
| Sept. 11-12 | Worked All Europe | SSB Contest | CQ |
| Sept. 18-19 | Scandinavian Activit | ty CW | 1703 |
| Sept. 18-19 | Papua New Guinea | Activity | <u>1704</u> |
| Sept. 25-26 | Scandinavian Activit | ty SSB | <u>1703</u> |
| Sept. 25-26 | CQWW RTTY Cor | itest | CQ |
| Oct. 30-31 | CQWW SSB Conte | st | CQ |
| Nov. 27-28 | CQWW CW Contes | st | CQ |

Resident Amateurs on Regularly

| DXCC Country | Callsign | Freq. | UTC |
|------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| Albania | ZA1J | 14026 | 0145Z |
| Azerbaijan | 4J4GMD | 18072 | 1415Z |
| Easter Island | XQØYAF | 21012± | 1900Z |
| Ecuador | HC5AI | 18073 | 2130Z Fri. |
| Franz Josef Land | 4K2BY | 20M CW | 0200Z |
| Georgia | 4L9A | 20M CW | 2000Z |
| Greece | SV1AKX | 40M CW | 0000Z |
| Ivory Coast | TU2JL | 14197 | 2300Z |
| Kazakhstan | UN7CBS | 20M CW | 0100Z |
| Kazakhstan | UN9M | 14020± | 0200Z |
| Kyrgyzstan | EXØM | 14022± | 0230Z |
| Latvia | YL3CW | 10110 | 2030Z |
| Panama | HP1XBH | 18073± | 1800Z |
| Reunion Island | FR5DD | 10101 | 0300Z |
| Rwanda | 9X5DF | 21015 | 1800Z |
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| Sardinia | ISØOMH | 10102 | 2300Z |
|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Sri Lanka | 4S7WP | 14030± | 1145, 00Z |
| Suriname | PZ1DY | 14028± | 0145Z |
| Taiwan | BV4CT | 14026 | 1500Z |

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